

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Non-Final Office Action dated June 20, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-6 and 13-15 are pending in the current application after the election of Species A claims in Paper No. 8. Claims 7-12 and 16-41 are withdrawn from further consideration in this application.

Applicant amends the specification to correct minor typographical errors.

In the Office Action, claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 are objected to because of the term "relatively". Applicant amends claims 5, 6, 13, 14, and 15, and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection and allow the claims.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,586,789 to Kishimoto et al. Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,104,465 to Na et al. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kishimoto in view of Applicant's Related Art.

The rejections of claims 1-6 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Independent claim 1 is allowable over the cited references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, "at least two pad members in contact with the driving circuit and the electrode links, each pad members having a different size in accordance with a length of the electrode link". None of the cited references including Kishimoto or Applicant's Related Art, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. The structure of the claimed invention is different from the structure of

Kishimoto in that Kishimoto discloses pads, all of which are the same size (Figure 4) or pads that do not have “a different size in accordance with a length of the electrode link”.

Because Kishimoto and Applicant's Related Art do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least this feature of independent claim 1, claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-6 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on independent claim 1.

The rejections of claims 13-15 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 13-15 are allowable over the cited references in that independent claim 13 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “at least two electrode links each extended from the pixel area, the electrode links having lengths different from each other; and at least two pad members in contact with the driving circuit and the electrode links, wherein the electrode links are different from each other in a thickness”. Na does not teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. Na is different from the present application in that Na does not disclose or suggest, for example “the electrode lengths are different from each other in a thickness”. Na discusses the use of different materials to obtain different resistances (column 6, lines 27-36), not different widths.

Because the cited references do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least this feature of independent claim 13, claim 13 is allowable. Claims 14 and 15 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on claim 13.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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